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YULETIDE FACTS, FANCIES, LAWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

One More Week in Which Santa Claus Must Complete His Task.

WORKS IN MANY DISGUISES

Old Chap Dealing Heavily This Year in Types of Aeroplanes.

Celebrations Are Kept by City Law Within Reasonable Bounds.

PROTECT LIFE AND LIMB

Precautions Against Fires Are Suggested in Use of Christmas Trees.

Richmond Left in Rear by Other Cities in Red Cross Stamp Sale.

PINE CAMP WILL BEAR LOSS

Institution for Care of Consumptives Dependent on Bounty of Public.

There are six more days to shop—just a week more for Santa Claus to fill his sack and be ready for the big night when he must leave a present, large or small, expensive or cheap, in something like 130,000 gaping stockings in Richmond. Throughout the city, from the lowly little shop on East Side to the big department stores on Broad Street, he has been, and still is, busy laying his stock. Despite the oft-repeated admonition to shop early, he doubtless will be found late Saturday night bearing excess baggage. For the good old saint is a procrastinator, and, being the busiest man in the world for the time, there is an excuse for him. He has a way of filling every one with the spirit of the season, and even the tired shop girls seem willing to serve him with a smile, though he really ought to have been ready to start the night before.

He can get what he wants: there is no doubt about that. The shopkeepers have seen to it, and one can buy in one place or another anything from a 10-cent doll to a miniature flying machine. Neither are they particular about the price. You can get a complete set of toys and pay \$500 for it, and also you may buy for little or nothing the cheap, simple little toys, mostly wood and paint, that delighted the children twenty or more years ago.

In various roles. He appears in many guises. One time you will see him roll up before a great department store in a throbbing motor car that in itself represents a small fortune. Then all manner of wonderful things will be bought and ordered sent around by the wagonload and hurried to the homes of the rich. He is then a dealer in toys, and he is a dealer in the land. Dealers who violate this law will be prosecuted, and those caught having pistols in their possession will be haled to court. Small cannon also will not be permitted.

Fire Chief W. H. Joynes has submitted suggestions for the observance of simple preventive measures against fire for both public and private celebrations. In all places where there are to be public Christmas trees he will station a fireman with chemical apparatus, and he requests that he be notified of all such places. Measures against fire suggested by him follow:

Don't leave an illuminated tree unattended.

Don't use festoons of tissue paper or cotton batting on a tree. Mineral wool is a perfect substitute, and will not burn.

Don't use any ornaments made of celluloid.

Don't let the children touch the tree.

Don't permit a draft of air to blow the branches of a tree while it is illuminated.

Don't put cotton beneath a tree to make the carpet look like snow-covered ground.

Don't remove a thing from the tree until the candles on it are blown out.

Schools and churches—street tin or zinc should be placed under every Christmas tree to catch candle drippings. Sand, water or fire extinguishers ought to be kept in the room.

Exits should be kept free and clear. Exits should be marked with red lights and kept free and clear.

Every Santa Claus costume of flannel, with its cotton batting trimmings and its false beard and wig, should be dipped in kerosene and set on fire.

Children should be permitted unless every precaution against fire and panic has been taken by those in charge.

Before the candles on the Christmas tree are lighted in private homes, see that several pails of water are ready.

They may be needed in a great hurry. Use cotton batting sparingly, or better still, not at all.

Fire will dash over the top of the tree and set it on fire. It will blaze in less time than it takes to tell. It burns with great heat because every branch carries a tube of kerosene.

Have a good-sized rug handy. If the clothing of any one gets on fire, do not attempt to beat out the flame with your hands.

Grab the rug and press down everywhere to smother the fire. A gas flame will set fire to paper, muslin and similar material, even though such material is covered by a rug or blanket.

With the Christmas season but six days away, and preparations for its celebration going on apace, it is well to remind the children and their elders that they may have all the joy and fun they desire and which the merry Yuletide warrants, but with certain regulations made for the benefit of life and limb and to prevent that ever-present danger—fire. In the majority of the greater cities the season annually exacts a toll of death and serious accident, and it is to lessen this toll that laws and regulations are passed.

Police regulations made in the interest of the city are that no fires may be made in or near concrete gutters and curbing, nor on asphalt pavement, which cracks and great heat. Nor may fires be made near churches or hospitals or near residences where people live. Children may begin celebrating Saturday night, and they may continue on Monday, which Mayor Werner believes preferable to Sunday.

That there will be plenty of bonfires in every section of the city is attested by the fact that nearly every ash barrel in the city has been stolen and hidden away by the children for the first of the season.

Size of Crackers. Dealers in fireworks and firearms are warned by Mayor Werner that they may not sell fireworks larger than those listed as No. 1, and may not sell pistols to children, as the danger of tetanus arising from powder burns has been proven in every city in the land.

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Anything will be done in the next year or two.

With Richmond lagging behind in a race that is fast becoming spectacular, and with unexpected sales in a number of cities, the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals on its final week this morning. The 200 workers in Virginia who are engaged in the charity are pushing their work in a very substantial manner, and it is intense, and are hoping to conclude the sale Saturday night in a manner that will reflect credit on the State.

According to the committee of the Nurses' Settlement, in charge of the work here, the sale in Richmond has not been up to the expectations of the trustees of Pine Camp, in the interest of which the sale was undertaken. A number of local firms, including several life insurance companies, have ordered large consignments of the seals and are using them liberally on their mail; many private individuals are large purchasers, and many seals have been sold in unexpected places, but as yet, Richmond has not been fully aroused to the purpose of the sale and to the need of liberally supporting it.

Camp Gets Hint. By special arrangement with the State Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the present sale of seals in Richmond should net the treasury of the State \$50,000, since the camp receives 50 per cent. of the gross proceeds of the sale, while the State Association and the National Red Cross receive the balance.

It is pointed out by those in charge of Pine Camp, that the city people will be called upon to support the camp, and will not, from civic pride, allow the work there to suffer. It is urged that the purchase of Red Cross seals will greatly aid in this work, while putting Richmond in the vanguard of the movement.

Headquarters of the State Anti-Tuberculosis Association, there is general rejoicing over the progress of the sale throughout the State. In Roanoke, a splendid committee, headed by Mrs. S. W. Jamison, bids fair to be a close second. In Staunton, the sale is reported to be fourth in line. From smaller towns and cities, encouraging reports are being received.

Beating Maryland. The State Association is particularly gratified to learn from national headquarters that Virginia is ahead of Maryland in the sale of Red Cross seals. A committee of society women in Baltimore is selling the seals in every hotel and in the large department stores, but even then the total sales in all the towns and cities of Virginia will unquestionably exceed that in Maryland.

Much amusement was caused yesterday by the startling announcement in a Baltimore paper that one agency in that city has ordered 1,000 additional seals in a single day. In this State, it is pointed out, scarcely a day has passed since the opening of the sale that 3,000 seals have been sent out in reply to hurry orders.

It is expected that Richmond will take its rightful place at the head of the Virginia cities during the coming week, and will rally to the support of Pine Camp during the next few days.

"Richmond cannot afford" said an officer of the Tuberculosis Camp Society yesterday, "to be outdistanced in good works by Roanoke and Norfolk. To say nothing of the trouble that would be caused by the failure of the city to support the sale, it would be a bad advertisement for Richmond to have its printed seal over the country that in this national charity it was led by Norfolk, Roanoke and Petersburg."

Used Bed Slat. Mary Brown, colored, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging her with having assaulted Augusta White with a bed slat. The slat was broken in the affray, and Augusta's head was badly battered.

Operation Performed. Joseph Suffredini, an Italian, who conducts a fruit stand at Sixth and Broad Streets, was taken to the Virginia General Hospital last night and operated upon for intestinal strangulation. He is not expected to live.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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CARTRIDGES GIVE WARNING OF FIRE

BOUGHT WHISKEY BUT GOT VINEGAR

Fusillade of Shots From Bureau Startles West End Home.

Cruel Disappointment for Man With Large Sunday Thirst.

Sharp and sudden warning that all was not as it should be came to Allen Collins, of 2608 Grove Avenue, late yesterday afternoon, when upon his ears rang out the sound of a bombardment of the city. First came a single shot, then there was rapid firing all along the line, and then, as if some invisible commander had given the order, there was a fusillade, as unseen cavalry armed with carbines bore down upon an equally invisible enemy.

Investigation was in order. The sounds came from upstairs, and continued at irregular intervals. In military parlance, it is called intermittent, or irregular, firing. Cautiously proceeding upstairs, Mr. Collins, who lives at the top of the house, opened the door, and was startled to see the room in a blaze. The flames were licking over the furniture and lapping on the ceiling. Then came more shots, and Mr. Collins understood. An alarm of fire was turned in from the nearest box, and Chief Wagoner, of the fire department, came to the house.

The furniture and ceiling were damaged, and the loss will be about \$10 or \$15. It is not known how the fire originated.

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Something of man's inhumanity to man and the desire of a thirsty soul for a drink were unfolded yesterday afternoon, when Limas Haskins, a colored citizen, who has been a frequent visitor to Police Court, and is an intermittent resident in Shockoe Castle, was arrested on a charge of cruelly deceiving Sam Blanga (that is the way the name is spelled on the police record) and snatching a dollar bill out of his trembling hands.

It seems that Blanga, already loaded down with more drinks than were good for him, wanted another, and he called Limas and told him of his parched throat and burning tongue. Limas was all kindness and sympathy. He offered to procure the wherewithal to slake Blanga's increasing thirst, all for the paltry sum of 60 cents. A bargain was struck, and Blanga was to receive a full pint of liquor for the half-dozen dimes.

At Trysting Place. In the region of the Old Market, between the shadows of its walls, he patiently awaited the return of Limas, and anticipation of the drink to come warmed the cockles of his heart and gave hope to his soul.

He held out a pint bottle filled with something of the right color. Blanga reached for it with one hand, and held out a dollar bill with the other. Fearful that his deceit would be discovered and a storm would break about his head, Limas is alleged to have snatched the bill and fled.

Blanga opened the bottle. He smelled charitably. Ye gods and little fishes! It was vinegar—vinegar of an ancient and honorable lineage.

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MESSANGER BOYS

NAIL AN IMPOSTOR

Take Incriminating Evidence From Spurious Christmas Collector.

Two diminutive but very courageous telegraph messenger boys Saturday night did a piece of detective work, and, after the manner of the "Old Sleuth" of whose dings they read the misadventures and got wise to his game. Also they brought back to the office the corpus delicti which may be used in the Police Court. Incidentally they discovered where about \$60 of the "Messenger Boys' Christmas Fund" had been diverted and probably already blown in.

The affair took place at the Jefferson Hotel, where the two youngsters had gone on "calls." While there they noticed the impostor with a long list of names, after most of which was marked "N.I." They flew at him like a cyclone, and before he knew it one of them had snatched the list. The impostor, who was a white man, but as messenger boys are known in the Jefferson, he saw that it was no place to put up a fight, even though the odds were in his favor, so he took to his heels. The little fellows were appalled at their own bravery, and after the encounter with the impostor, the hotel, mainly because one had collected some money for the company and the other had the list. They took counsel together and telephoned to their manager, who directed them to take a taxicab and return to the office, for fear that the big fellow would be waiting for them around the corner.

Had Money Victims. At the office the list was looked over and found to contain the names of some of the most prominent customers of the telegraph company, nearly all of whom had given as much as \$1 and some of them more. For a while indignation was at a high pitch, but the treasurer of the fund bade the boys be quiet until he looked into the matter. Just what will be done has not been decided yet. The boys, of course, want the impostor arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary on Christmas Day, but are willing to take the money and let him off.

Ever since there was such a thing as a messenger boy in the city, they have been circulating every Christmas among the regular customers. Nearly every one is glad to contribute, and the fund grows large by Christmas Day. It has been noticed this year that a number of those who generally give told the regular collectors that they had contributed their share, but it was never turned into the treasury. Crooked work was suspected, and the boys were on the lookout. They discovered the trick at the Jefferson Saturday night.

The game was very simple. All the big boys needed was a cap, which he got without much trouble. Then he designated himself an official collector, and proceeded to reap the coin. He turned out to be a good collector, and the people he approached apparently never suspected that he was a spurious.

The matter will be put up to him very strongly. With the hope that the money may be placed in the treasury before Saturday night. If he comes across like a sport he may be spared a term in the reformatory.

The youngsters who turned the trick are being hailed as heroes, and they are very proud of the stunt, as well as of the taxicab ride.

ARRESTS YESTERDAY

John Brown, Crapshooter, Suspected Also of Being Thief.

John Brown, colored, was arrested on two charges yesterday. He was first caught playing craps in the street. When he got to the station house he was charged also with being a suspicious character. For the night before he had had about fifty pounds of coffee, alleged to have been stolen from L. Straus, Seventeenth and Washington Streets.

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